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Dear Sirs:

There is an organization called  
"Minutemen" and they have a P.O. box  
in San Diego, Calif. I think that  
it would be to the gov't advantage  
to investigate it. I am not sure  
but it has radical aspects to  
my estimation

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201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York  
March 18, 1964



Dear 

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your  
undated card on March 17, 1964.

Your interest in furnishing this  
information to us is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

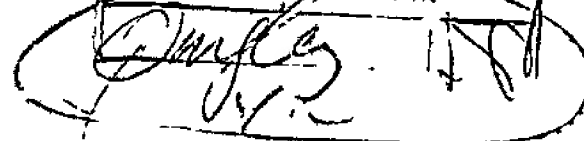
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# Memorandum

TO SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699) (412)

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3/21/64

FROM SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT "MINUTEMEN"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re memo SA DANIEL F. QUIGLEY, 1/24/64.

✓ SUFFOLK COUNTY

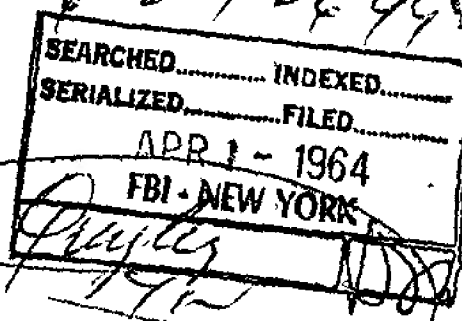
SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR, on 3/30/64, The individuals listed below were contacted by the writer and could furnish no information concerning captioned organization. They all advised that they were not aware of any activity on the part of this organization in Suffolk County. (all contacted on 3/30/64)

Sgt. [redacted] BCS  
N.Y. [redacted]  
BSS, NY State Police, Riverhead,  
Babylon, N.Y.

[redacted] Gem Gun Shop, 112 4th Ave., Bay Shore, N.Y.  
[redacted] Sport O Rama, 552 Walt Whitman Road,  
Huntington Station, N.Y.  
[redacted] Ossie's Bait & Tackle, 1046 Merrick  
Road, Copiague, N.Y.

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Dear Sirs:

3/23/64

Recently I informed you of  
a radical organization in San Diego  
or that are and recieved a thank you  
letter from you. I have since sent  
for information and recieved in the  
mail some fiteratur that I think  
you should see and evaluate.

P.S. I also recieved an application

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personally interviewed  
by SA Francis J. SANDIN,  
Harden City RA on  
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MEMO, SAC  
Attention WHITE PLAINS  
SA WM A. FLYNN

Re:

"MINUTE MEN"

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The captioned subject was reported residing at \_\_\_\_\_, and employed as a \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

Subject's spouse is \_\_\_\_\_.

The subject has been reported involved in the following subversive activity on the dates shown:

- X 1. INTERVIEW: JACK LYNN BOYLE FOR INFO.
2. RE THE MINUTEMEN.
3. \_\_\_\_\_

It is requested the following investigation be conducted: (Check where applicable.)

- ( ) A. Verify current employment and residence.
- ( ) B. Determine current Credit Record, it being noted the subject's credit was last checked \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
- ( ) C. Determine current criminal record, it being noted the subject's criminal file was last reviewed \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
- ( ) D. Obtain background, and dates, from subject's employment record.
- ( ) E. Check subject's marriage record at Probate Court, it being noted subject was reported married \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) F. Check official birth record at Bureau of Vital Statistics, it being noted subject reported born on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) G. Determine whether subject has access to classified or restricted material.
- ( ) H. Conduct neighborhood investigation; the following specific information is desired: \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) I. Check Security Informants, it being noted \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ have given information in the past.
- ( ) J. Review INS records.
- ( ) K. Determine if subject has military service.
- ( ) L. Obtain photograph of subject ( ), description ( ), handwriting specimen ( ).
- ( ) M. Determine subject's education; check school or college records, it being noted subject was reported attending \_\_\_\_\_ in 19\_\_.
- ( ) N. Determine subject's status of health.

The agent conducting the investigation will be alert for any evidence of subversive activity and in addition will \_\_\_\_\_

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From: Director, FBI (62-10 261)

"MINUTEMEN"  
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 (INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re Airtel to Albany, copies to all field offices, dated 1-16-64, setting forth an active investigation to develop certain items of information concerning "Minutemen."

Offices receiving instant communication still have outstanding investigation either to develop information concerning this group in the territories covered by those offices or as leads set out by other offices to develop specific information.

All offices are instructed to expedite the outstanding investigation in order that this matter can be brought to an early and logical conclusion. The main purpose of this investigation is to determine whether active units of

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Airtel to Albany, Buffalo, Butte, Chicago, Cincinnati,  
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Los Angeles, Memphis, Milwaukee, Mobile, Newark,  
New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia,  
Phoenix, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Salt Lake City,  
San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Springfield

Re: "MINUTEMEN"  
62-107261

"Minutemen" exist, the location of such units, the identities of the leading officers and members of such units and whether the aims, purposes and activities of "Minutemen" are in violation of any Federal Statutes over which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction.

The Bureau does not desire that this matter be relegated to a mere collecting of reports and a report writing proposition. Therefore, all offices should review and digest the instructions set forth in reBureau and follow those instructions in conducting the required investigation.

In connection with interviews of individuals regarding this matter, it will not be necessary to request Bureau authority unless the files of the particular office dictate to the contrary. Offices having leads outstanding with other offices should immediately follow those offices to expedite the coverage of those leads and forward the results to the Bureau and interested offices.

This matter must be afforded continuous and expeditious attention.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO SAC ( 62-126990)

DATE 3/26/64

FROM FRANCIS J. SANDIN

SUBJECT "MINUTEMEN"  
P.O. Box 5394,  
San Diego, 5, California  
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*Sandin*

NASSAU COUNTY

*by SA Traver*

On 3/26/64 [redacted],  
[redacted] NY was contacted at his request. He advised  
that he had observed a small printed sticker of captioned  
organization pasted in a public telephone booth. Out of  
curiosity he wrote to the organization inquiring as to the  
nature of the group. As a result he received in the mail  
a brown manila envelop bearing the name "Pacific Telephone"  
in the upper left hand corner. The envelop was postmarked  
"LaMesa, California". The envelope contained a quantity  
of printed matter from "Minutemen" which included a Membership  
Application; a short history of the Minutemen; a pamphlet,  
"To prospective members of the Minutemen"; a pamphlet  
entitled "The 'Minutemen', Americas Last Line of Defense  
Against Communism, and other written matter. (This material  
is self-explanatory and is enclosed herewith.)

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sentence*

[redacted] was born on [redacted] NY. He is  
self-employed as an oil burner mechanic with his brother,  
[redacted]. He served in the U.S. Army from  
[redacted] and was honorably discharged, serial number  
[redacted]. He is married.

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[redacted] stated that based on the contents of  
the envelope he received it is apparant that captioned  
organization is an extreme right-wing organization whose  
policy includes the use of firearms and force.

[redacted] remarked that he is willing to  
assist the FBI in any manner if his help may be needed.

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(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-107261)  
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-25625)  
 SUBJECT: MINUTEMEN  
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Re Seattle airtel to the Bureau,

On March 20, 1964, [REDACTED]  
 Washington, (Protect Identity), made available a tape recording  
 he received from ROBERT DePUGH, Norborne, Missouri, National  
 Coordinator of captioned organization. The tape is described  
 as "meeting tape No. 5" and according to [REDACTED] it is  
 prepared by headquarters of Minutemen and mailed to all  
 Minutemen groups in the country.

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The following message is on this tape:

"This is meeting tape No. 5, prepared for distri-  
 bution March 1, 1964."

"Fellow Patriots, this is National Coordinator  
 BOB DePUGH. In preparing our meeting tape this  
 month, we are going to do something that we have  
 not previously done. Due to the serious situation  
 posed by the recent investigation of our organization,  
 I am going to take the liberty of sending one of  
 these meeting tapes to each of you who have ordered  
 any of the meeting tapes in the past, even though we  
 may not have a specific order for this particular tape.

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Special Agent in Charge

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"Certainly the most important thing in the field of current events from our point of view is this current investigation which we are now experiencing from various Federal authorities. In the February issue of 'On Target', we dealt at length with the so-called Ruether Memorandum. Some of you are already familiar with the fact that in the fall of 1961, WALTER RUETHER and his brother VICTOR met with Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY and some other high officials in our government to discuss the threat of the pro-America, or as they call it, the Radical Right Wing movement in this country. VICTOR RUETHER summarized their thinking in a document which was presented to ROBERT KENNEDY and to the President, JOHN KENNEDY. This document has become generally known as the Ruether Memorandum. One of the five points covered in this memorandum dealt specifically with our own organization and it was headed with these words 'The Administration should take necessary steps to end the Minutemen.'

"Since that time we have been under continuous investigation by the Attorney General's Office, which means the FBI, since the Federal Bureau of Investigation is under the complete control and direction of the Attorney General. Thus, last month, when Congressman GONZALES, of Texas took offense in our remarks concerning his opposition to the House Committee on Un-American Activities and sent a letter to ROBERT KENNEDY asking for an investigation of the Minutemen, it was really nothing new. On the same day that he mailed his letter, State Attorney General STANLEY MOSS, down in California, gave a public talk in which he said the Minutemen were a public menace and that he was going to ask the State Legislation of California to outlaw our organization in his state.

"Now, I wish to emphasize that this drive against the Minutemen was not caused by STANLEY MOSS and it was not caused by Congressman GONZALES. Their speeches and letters were simply one part of a coordinated effort to disrupt and if possible, to destroy our organization. In some cases, our reply

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to Congressman GONZALES was fairly printed. Even my statement to the effect that if ROBERT KENNEDY had spent more time investigating the Left Wing and less time investigating the Right Wing, then his own brother might still be alive. This was quoted by a number of different papers. A few days later, Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY sent a letter to GONZALES pointing out that an investigation of the Minutemen had been in progress for quite some time, but they had not been able to find sufficient evidence to take any action against us. All of our activities, said ROBERT KENNEDY, were under the protection of the First Amendment which guarantees our freedom of speech, freedom of peaceful assembly and so forth. He also pointed out in this letter that the collecting of firearms or the training of troops in military tactics is not against Federal law, so long as the purpose of that training is not the invasion of a friendly foreign power.

"Now, it's very important that we do not allow ourselves to be lulled into a sense of false security by these fine words. The investigation is continuing in full swing. In fact, it is greatly stepped up. Part of this is due to the Warren Commission, which has recently stated that they would investigate any possible connection between the assassination of President KENNEDY and our own organization. All thinking Americans will realize that such an implication is stupidity to the extreme, but it is not beyond the realm of possibility that these people might actually try to blame the assassination of President KENNEDY on our organization. Of course, they would have to come up with some new manufactured evidence that OSWALD wasn't the killer, after all. Recent news releases indicate that they might actually try to do this very thing. These people are determined that if there is any way to humanly do it, they are going to blame the Right Wing for the assassination of President KENNEDY. The Warren Commission, incidentally, has appointed Mr. NICOLAS KATZANBACH (ph) as the head man to direct this investigation. Some of you will remember Mr. KATZANBACH as the Commander in Charge of the Federal Marshals in Oxford, Mississippi. He was also the man that was supposedly protecting a Communist spy being returned from this country from Israel when

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that spy so conveniently committed suicide. Many of you will recall that when Chief Justice EARL WARREN first heard about the assassination of President KENNEDY, he immediately exclaimed that this must be the work of Right Wing Extremists. In his past record, in his statements, in his selection of a Chief Investigator, EARL WARREN has shown his bias in this matter even before the investigation ever began and we should be warned accordingly.

"Now, information has come to us that during the past few days several and probably all regional offices of the FBI have received identical memoranda from Washington to fully investigate all Minutemen activities in their area. The Treasury Department also has been making numerous inquiries about our organization, particularly about any automatic weapons that may be owned by our individual members. Now our policy in the face of this investigation is going to have to be one of extreme caution. So far as the name Minutemen is concerned, I think we should remain active. I think we should try to keep this name before the public as long as it can be done in a favorable light. But, so far as our individual members are concerned, I think we should make every effort to keep our personal identities secret. Although many of the FBI Agents are probably sympathetic to the aims of our organization, we have to remember this: These men are going to do their job. They're going to do what they're told and any information that they find out is going to be setting in the FBI files in Washington and will be used against us by the Communists when they take complete control.

"Now, in regard to the various means by which we can protect ourselves during this investigation - For one thing we are going to provide our members with as much practical information on underground warfare as we possibly can and just as quickly as we can. We have just sent out a bulletin to all

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of our members, which included a list of twenty practical measures on security which each region, each band, and each individual Minutemen should observe at all times. In the face of this investigation, we are going to have to keep our correspondence from our National Headquarters to the individual members at a minimum. Now, the Communists do this by means of their various publications. A subscription for example to the "People's World" or to "The Worker" or to the "National Guardian" does not clearly identify a person as a Communist. But, yet through these publications, the Communists pass along the bulk of the information they want their members to know. This allows them to use their secure lines of communication for only the most important organizational directives and messages. Now, that's what we're going to try to do. Whether you receive our own news letter 'On Target' directly or whether it's passed on to you through your band leader, I urge each of you to read 'On Target' every month. It's going to be containing a lot of the information in the future which would otherwise be passed on to you through other channels. Now, for another thing, we are working just as quickly as we possibly can to cooperate with various state commanders, supply them with the needed material, literature, records and so forth so that they can take over a larger share of the work that has previously been done through the National Headquarters. Some of you will be receiving direct communications in regard to this problem very shortly.

"Now, here's another point that I wish to emphasize. It is vitally important that we hold the National organization intact and that we expand its facilities at every opportunity. The history of underground movements in other countries shows very definitely that you have to have National coordination for any resistance movement to be effective. This shows up, for example, in such items as sabotage. For sabotage to be effective it must be coordinated. It must be planned in advance to hit some particular vital need or some vital commodity of the enemy and this must be

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destroyed systematically throughout his entire territory if it's going to be of any real damage to him. Another important activity that can be conducted nationally is recruiting on a mass scale. We have received literally hundreds of letters in response to the recent publicity. Now these inquiries all came to Norborne, Missouri. Your security locally, was not compromised by this publicity, and yet, we'll be able to pass these leads back to our state officers and perhaps add new people to your membership rolls locally without compromising your local security.

"Now, the special problem of maintaining security through the use of the mail is dealt with in the following discussion.

"During the past year, the Government has adopted a new attitude toward first class mail. They now contend that all mail while in the possession of the postal service, becomes the property of the Post Master General to open, to read, or re-route as he or his agents may see fit. Now, we have a question come up before us of how can we counteract this interference with our right to openly and safely use the United States mail. Certainly, not by appealing to the Postal Inspectors. We tried that. Certainly, not by the protection of our Federal Postal laws. Our only effective means of protesting our right of privacy is to rely upon the principles of security that we learned in our basic training program. The principle of deception; to use fictitious names of letter drops; the use of innocent appearing letters or postcards that carry our message in hidden codes or signs; the principle of classification; use of the most secure methods of communication for the most important information; use less secure methods for less important messages rather than to flood your secure lines of communication with unimportant material; the principle of obliqueness; do not risk the loss of a secure means of communication by careless or lazy action; the principle of continuous inspection; continually recheck on the security of your communication; do not continue to use a means of communication after it may have been compromised by a lack of

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proper inspections; the principle of fluid change; do not continue to use the same fictitious names, addresses, and other deceptive means so long that they become stale; and the principle of time; right now, prepare secure addresses, secret letter drops, and lines of communication well ahead of time so that they will be ready when you need them.

"We learned in school that 56 men signed the Declaration of Independence. Most Americans know very little else about them. We seem to assume that after signing that Document, these men probably went home to a good meal and spent the rest of the evening sitting by the fireplace telling each other how bad things were. Such was not the case. The very minute they placed their signatures on that paper, they became traitors in the eyes of the legal Government. They became fugitives, hunted men, many of whom never saw their homes again. When many of us compare the work that we're doing with the lazy attitude of the general public, we get to feeling rather proud of ourselves, but when we compare our own inconveniences with the sacrifices of our founding fathers, we should really be ashamed that we're not doing more. Each of us have our own excuses, either we're too young or we're too old; we're too busy with our school, our business, or our profession; we have too many family responsibilities; or we can't afford it. What about the men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Too young? EDWARD RUTLEDGE (ph) was only 26 years old when his home was burned to the ground by the British troops. Too many responsibilities? A farmer, CARTER BRACKSTON (ph), of Virginia, had 18 children when he signed. WILLIAM ELLORY (ph), a judge in Rhode Island, had 16 children. ROGER SHERMAN, a lawyer in Connecticut, had 15 children. Too old? JOHN HART was 65 when he signed the Declaration of Independence. Troops burned his mills, laid waste to his fields; he lost everything that he had because of patriotism. Everything except his honor and historical immortality. You don't have the time? FRANCIS LEWIS was 62 years old, a very prosperous merchant. Overnight, he lost everything that he had. His property was plundered, his wife was thrown in prison where she died. Can't afford it? ROBERT MORRIS was one of the



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wealthiest men in the colonies. He gave up everything that he had. Over 150 of his merchant ships were sunk or captured by the British during the war. He borrowed thousands of dollars on his own signature, and he died in debtor's prison. The list goes on and on. There are thousands whose names we will never know, for it was an unknown American that began the American Revolution....the War for Independence. This unknown individual was asleep in his bed one night when someone pounded on the door and shouted 'The Redcoats are coming!' But what could he do? He was only one man against the armed might of the British Empire. If he had been a King or a Governor, or a rich or an important man, he could have solved problems and done great things. But he was not a rich or an important man. He was just a little man, unknown to anyone outside of his own neighborhood. What could he do? This unknown individual had the courage of his convictions. He got up, put on his clothes, took his gun, went out into the night to meet the British troops. He did not act on orders. He was not led; he didn't want to be the leader. He was a self-controlled, responsible individual, a man who dared to stand on his own two feet and fire the shot heard round the world. The shot that said that man is a free agent and that Government is the servant, rather than the master. In 1975, a new magazine was launched with a recipe for home-made gun powder. It was a sensational success, and Americans mixing the ingredients in their kitchens may have noticed the name of the Editor - THOMAS PAINE. THOMAS PAINE was in poor health. He was growing old. But still he was not content just to write articles. He enlisted as a Private in the defeated Colonial Army. The Government had no money to buy him a gun, so he bought his own gun, a 12-pound musket, and he carried that 12-pound musket through the snows of winter with no shoes on his feet except burlap bags tied at the ankles. He carried that 12-pound musket when he had only five bullets to shoot in it, and powder so old that he had no way of knowing if the gun would go off or not when the time came to use it. He carried that 12-pound musket not in victory, but in retreat. He carried it while the Colonial Army fell back before the British advance, retreated from Long Island to Manhattan, retreated back across New Jersey, retreated

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across the Delaware River, retreated across Pennsylvania. Retreat...Retreat...Retreat...but they would not surrender. Finally, one night, by the light of a campfire, THOMAS PAINE took out a quill pen, he stretched a paper across the head of a drum, and he wrote these words - 'These are times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will in this time of crisis, shrink from the service of their country. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly. And it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated.' These words were printed in a little pamphlet and passed hand-to-hand throughout the Armies, throughout the colonies. The words of THOMAS PAINE cut through the gloom of defeat and everywhere they were read, courage rose to meet the challenge. Let us pray that we will see such a miracle today and that once again courage will rise to meet the challenge...that our republic shall live, and that we will stand by the Republic.. that we may retreat, but we will never surrender."

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 4/29/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/15 - 4/10/64
TITLE OF CASE "MINUTEMEN"		REPORT MADE BY DANIEL J. QUIGLEY	TYPED BY vmm
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REFERENCES:

Report of SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY, 2/17/64, NY.  
Report of SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF at St. Louis,  
2/20/64.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Since investigation conducted reflects no information concerning the formation of "Minutemen" units or individual memberships in the "Minutemen" within the NY Division, no further investigation is being conducted. NYO will remain alert for any information in the future indicating the formation of "Minutemen" units, and investigation will be promptly instituted and Bureau advised.

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## Notations

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LEADS

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AT RIDGEFIELD, NEW JERSEY Will contact the Service Armament Co., Ridgefield, for any information concerning the sale of mortars or other arms to members or units of the "Minutemen".

SAN DIEGO

AT LA MESA, CALIFORNIA At the local office of the Pacific Telephone Co., conduct inquiry as to possible membership of telephone company employees in the "Minutemen".

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of DANIEL J. QUIGLEY  
Date: 4/29/64

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 62-12699

Bureau File #: 62-107261

Title: "MINUTEMEN"

Character: INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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## Synopsis:

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On 3/26/64, [REDACTED] advised that he had received literature "Minutemen" in an envelope with Pacific upper left corner and postmarked La Mesa, California. He had no information concerning any units of "Minutemen" in Nassau County. On 3/31/64, JACK LYNN BOYCE, Katonah, NY, advised that as a "gun nut", he had purchased an 81 mm. mortar from the Service Armament Co., Ridgefield, NJ. He stated that he had purchased 12 shells for the "mortar" from ROBERT DE PUGH in St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that he communicated with the "Minutemen" periodically from 1960 to 1962. He stated that he had no information concerning any units or members of the "Minutemen". Investigation to ascertain units and members of "Minutemen" in the NY area set forth.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted to ascertain if there were any units of the "Minutemen" in the New York Division:

Nassau County

On March 26, 1964, [redacted] New York, was contacted at his request by SA FRANCIS J. SANDIN. He advised that he had observed a small printed sticker of captioned organization pasted in a public telephone booth. Out of curiosity he wrote to the organization inquiring as to the nature of the group. As a result he received in the mail a brown manila envelope bearing the name "Pacific Telephone" in the upper left hand corner. The envelope was postmarked "LaMesa, California". The envelope contained a quantity of printed matter from "Minutemen", which included a Membership Application; a short history of the Minutemen; a pamphlet, "To Prospective Members, of the Minutemen"; a pamphlet entitled "The 'Minutemen', Americas Last Line of Defense Against Communism"; and other written matter.

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[redacted] was born on [redacted] New York. He is self-employed as an oil burner mechanic with his brother, [redacted]. He served in the United States Army from [redacted] and was honorably discharged, serial number [redacted]. He is married.

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[redacted] stated that based on the contents of the envelope he received, it is apparent that captioned organization is an extreme right-wing organization whose policy includes the use of firearms and force. He had no information concerning any units of the "Minutemen" being organized in Nassau County.

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Suffolk County

The individuals listed below were contacted by SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR on March 30, 1964, and could furnish no information concerning captioned organization. They all advised that they were not aware of any activity on the part of this organization in Suffolk County:

Sergeant [redacted]  
New York State Police, Riverhead, New York.

[redacted] Babylon Sport Center, 50 East  
Main Street, Babylon, New York

[redacted] Gem Gun Shop, 112 4th Avenue, Bay  
Shore, New York.

[redacted] Sport O Rama, 552 Walt Whitman Road,  
Huntington Station, New York.

[redacted] Ossie's Bait & Tackle, 1046 Merrick  
Road, Copiague, New York.

Westchester County

On February 28, 1964, Detective [redacted]  
American Legion, Bedford, New York, advised SA WILLIAM A.  
FLYNN that he has never heard of the captioned organization  
in the Town of Bedford or Westchester County or in the  
various American Legion Posts in the state. Detective  
[redacted] is a member of the Town of Bedford Police Department,  
which covers the area of Katonah, New York.

Detective [redacted] advised that Healy's Grocery and  
Delicatessen is owned and operated by [redacted] Healy's  
Grocery is located at 123 Katonah Avenue, Katonah, New York.  
[redacted] resides with his family at [redacted]  
Katonah, New York. Prior to purchasing the grocery known as  
Healy's Grocery and Delicatessen, [redacted]  
[redacted] in both Westchester and Putnam Counties.



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At the Westchester Credit and Collection Bureau at White Plains, New York, [redacted] furnished the following information on February 28, 1964:

[redacted] was born in [redacted] and is married to [redacted]. They have three children, two boys ages 5 and 3, and one girl, age 2. He owns his home at [redacted] and is indebted to the [redacted] White Plains, New York, in the amount of a [redacted] mortgage on this home. He has owned [redacted] for the past four years. His wife is a former substitute school teacher at the [redacted] High School. His present income is approximately [redacted] per year. Prior to owning the [redacted] for Putnam County, New York.

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[redacted] recalled the incident of the shipment of shells and black powder in St. Louis and advised that this material had been ordered by and shipped to Jack Boyce at the Healy's Grocery. Jack Boyce is a part-time employee of [redacted] and lives at [redacted] New York, with his wife and family. He is presently employed by an advertising agency in Ossining, New York, the name of which [redacted] could not recall. He has worked for [redacted] about two years in a part-time capacity as a grocery clerk. He is married to [redacted] and they have five children.

[redacted] has now returned to teaching school at the [redacted] High School and is, according to [redacted] taking [redacted] al courses at Columbia or New York University. This has been necessitated, he feels, by Boyce's lack of maturity and juvenile approach to life. [redacted] attended Texas College for Women. Jack Boyce attended the University of Kansas for a year or six months. He is a person of likeable personality and is well liked by all who meet him. Boyce joined the local American Legion Post two or three months ago and claims that he was in military service for three months and discharged because of his poor eyesight. Boyce is presently planning to undergo an operation on his eyes by the same doctor in New York who operated on Bob Hope. This operation will take place on April 14, 1964.

[redacted] described Boyce as a "gun bug". In this connection, he had a carton of mortar shells shipped to Healy's Grocery from St. Louis. When the carton broke open in St. Louis and he was contacted by the St. Louis Police, Boyce called the St. Louis Police from Healy's Grocery and had the shells shipped to him there. Prior to this, Boyce had purchased a mortar and is alleged to have made inquiries as to whether or not it was illegal to own a mortar. He also received a case of mortar shells from a shipper in Vermont. Boyce wears a jacket of the National Rifle Association with the title of Instructor on the sleeve. [redacted] noted that Boyce has been married about eleven years and has had about thirteen jobs. He recently applied for and was given a pistol permit in connection with a gun club he organized in Katonah. [redacted] said that he reluctantly signed

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On [redacted] at SA WILLIAM A. FLYNN, JR./vmm

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the application as a reference because of Boyce's poor eyesight.

[redacted] mentioned that Boyce received, in the past, correspondence from the "Minutemen" and tried to describe the organization [redacted] but never seemed serious about it. [redacted] described him as the type of an individual who has "many irons in the fire". He is a "ham radio operator" and is interested and has taken lessons in flying. He is also interested and taking instructions in parachuting. He has a large collection of firearms and as another of his diverse interests, he was the first to build a "fall out" shelter in his yard. In this he was the joke of the neighborhood. In connection with the "fall out" shelter, he told [redacted] that in case of "fall out", mobs would be coming up from New York City and it would be necessary for him to defend himself and his family in their "fall out shelter".

[redacted] has never heard him discuss Communism or the objects of the "Minutemen" in case of a crisis in the United States.

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The following Police Departments in Westchester County were contacted on the dates indicated and inquiry was made regarding the captioned organization. None of them were able to furnish any information concerning it.

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Department	Date Contacted	Individual Contacted
Sheriff West County	February 4, 1964	Deputy [REDACTED]
White Plains Police Department	February 4, 1964	Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] N.A.
New Rochelle Police Department	February 5, 1964	Captain [REDACTED] N.A.
Yonkers Police Department	February 18, 1964	Detective [REDACTED]
Scarsdale Police Department	February 7, 1964	Chief JAMES LYONS
North Castle Police Department	February 10, 1964	Lieutenant [REDACTED] N.A.
Mt. Kisco Police Department	February 11, 1964	Chief JOHN CREGEIR
Town of Yorktown Police Department	February 11, 1964	Chief CHARLES VALENTINE
Harrison Police Department	February 14, 1964	Chief WILLIAM DONOVAN, N.A.
Peekskill Police Department	February 17, 1964	Chief PETER KING
City of Rye Police Department	February 18, 1964	Chief CHARLES MC LAUGHLIN, N.A.
Bronxville Police Department	February 19, 1964	Chief THOMAS MITCHELL
Town of Bedford Police Department	February 20, 28, 1964	Chief DONALD HAYES and Detective [REDACTED]

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At the Westchester Credit and Collection Bureau, White Plains, New York, [redacted] furnished the following information concerning JACK L. BOYCE, Sunny Ridge Road, Lake Katonah, New York:

JACK LYNN BOYCE is married to [redacted] and they have five children. Prior to living at Lake Katonah they resided at 921 Palmer Road, Bronxville, New York, and before that at 125 Flora, Glen View, Illinois.

His employments were listed as:

Account Executive with O. S. Tyson Company, 230 Park Avenue, New York, New York

[redacted] 7800 Cicero, Chicago, Illinois

The following descriptive information was noted concerning JACK LYNN BOYCE at the time of his interview on March 31, 1964, and from details in the records of the Westchester Board of Elections at White Plains, New York, as made available on March 31, 1964, by [redacted]

Name	JACK L. BOYCE
Date of Birth	October 20, 1926
Place of Birth	Des Moines, Iowa
Residence	Sunny Ridge Road Lake Katonah, New York
Occupation	Copy Writer Lescarbours Advertising Agency 139 Main Street, Ossining, New York

[redacted]  
Wellington, Kansas

Same

Housewife

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Height	5' 9"	5' 8"
Hair	Brown, balding	Blonde
Eyes	Blue	Blue

A former residence was listed as 921 Palmer Avenue, Bronxville, New York. The above individuals have five children (three-triplets), ages nine to twelve.

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Jack Lynn Boyce advised that he expected to be contacted about the mortar shells he had purchased in St. Louis, Missouri. He had bought like "other gun nuts" to use his own expression a surplus 81 mm Russian mortar at the Service Armament Company, Ridgefield, New Jersey, for \$15.00 about a year or so ago. The purpose in buying it was to pursue his hobby of collecting guns as he explained that he had always wanted to shoot a cannon and this was a way to do it cheaply. In shooting it, he would load it with some black powder and shoot tin cans out of it. Somehow or other during some early correspondence with Robert B. DePugh he had learned that DePugh had 81 mm mortar shells for sale. These were "inert" shells used by hobbyists in that the high explosive charge had been removed so that in effect they were nothing but iron casings with the fins still attached. In order to use these, a charge of black powder was placed in the mortar and the "inert" shell dropped in on the powder. After the shell was fired from the mortar the shell would be recovered and used over again. Because he found that the black powder was costing him \$1.80 an eight ounce can, he discontinued this hobby as too expensive. DePugh had offered to sell him twelve 81 mm "inert" shells. Boyce recalled that he paid DePugh \$3.50 for the clean ones and \$2.00 each for the rusted or soiled ones. Altogether, he paid DePugh \$33.00. For some reason he could not understand, DePugh had labelled the shells "machine parts". After waiting for several weeks and not receiving the shells he felt that there was something "fishy" about the deal and called DePugh and asked the name of the company handling the shipment. Then the trucking company called him and asked for the name of the shipper. Two or three weeks more went by and he called the trucking company. They said they had lost the shipment. Then they advised him it had dropped off a truck and burst open. They gave him the name of a police sergeant in St. Louis whom he called. This police officer advised him that because some of the shells had contained a residue of black powder they had been sent to the 50th Ordnance Company and destroyed. Others for some reason which was unknown to Boyce had been drilled out and a new penny inserted as a plug.

He first began to communicate with DePugh after 1956. It seems that the United States military rifle the M-1 was being discontinued and Boyce had an idea which he called the "Project

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Minutemen". This plan was to have the United States Government distribute these surplus M-1 rifles to the citizenry at the going price of about \$20.00 something like the National Rifle Association and for the United States Government to supervise the training of all citizens in the use of these guns in case this country was ever invaded so that there would be a ready made underground fighting force. Boyce said that several years passed and he did nothing about his idea until one day he saw an article in "Time" Magazine about Robert DePugh and the Minutemen. He placed this about the Fall of 1960. Boyce sent DePugh a letter mentioning the article and asked about the Minutemen. DePugh immediately put him on the mailing list and kept him there until the latter part of 1962, at which time Boyce had written an editorial which was printed in the Hartsdale, New York "News", a small weekly newspaper owned and operated by his boss who also owns the Lescarbours Advertising Agency at 139 Main Street, Ossining, New York, where Boyce works. The article was highly critical of DePugh and his Minutemen and the "news" which DePugh was printing and sending all over the country. Since that time he has been off DePugh's mailing list except for the time when he called him in 1963 regarding the mortar shells. Boyce said that he wrote to DePugh repeatedly asking for details about the "Minutemen", but was never able to "pin" him down. He would receive requests for all Minutemen to pay dues and he would write back and ask what the dues were. He never received an answer. Boyce said that he disagrees with DePugh in turning what he described as a para-military organization into a political one or an organization to ferret Communists. He found that he was never able to pin DePugh down on a single point and it is his opinion today that DePugh is a "crook and a charlatan" and interested primarily in making a "fast buck". Being in the advertising trade, Boyce said that he was familiar with printing techniques and when DePugh claimed that he was reaching seventeen thousand members Boyce noted that his material was being multi-lithed which limits it to perhaps five or six thousand copies without making a new plate. He pointed this out to DePugh in his correspondence and DePugh replied that his material was being printed in four or five locations for security reasons. Boyce said that he never joined the Minutemen and was never able to learn from DePugh the names of any other members in the area or nearby. He doubts seriously if there are any. DePugh would never answer requests to be put in touch with any members in the area.

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Sullivan, Ulster, and Greene Counties

The following individuals were contacted on the dates indicated by SA ROBERT E. JENKINS, and they advised there is no organization of "Minutemen" in their respective areas, of which they are aware, and assured that if there were such, they would be aware of them. They advised they will notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation if any organization of "Minutemen" comes to their attention.

[REDACTED], Senior Investigator, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, New York State Police, Leeds, New York, January 27, 1964

ABRAHAM RAND, Chief of Police, Ellenville, New York, January 28, 1964

[REDACTED] Sergeant, Liberty, New York Police Department, January 29, 1964

LOUIS RATNER, Sheriff, Sullivan County, Monticello, New York, January 29, 1964

[REDACTED] Undersheriff, Greene County, Catskill, New York, February 3, 1964

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CLAUDE BELL, Sheriff, Ulster County, Kingston, New York,  
February 18, 1964

[redacted] Sullivan County Commander, American Legion,  
Monticello, New York February 26, 1964

[redacted] Ulster County Commander, Shokan,  
New York, February 27, 1964

[redacted] Greene County Commander, Catskill, New  
York, February 27, 1964

ROBERT MURPHY, Chief of Police, Kingston, New York,  
February 27, 1964

New York City

The following firearms dealers were contacted  
on the dates indicated and they advised they had no  
information concerning the formation of any "Minutemen"  
units in New York City, nor had they any information  
concerning any individual members of the "Minutemen".

Rex Firearms Company  
137 East 57th Street  
New York City  
February 25, 1964

[redacted] President

Continental Arms  
697 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City  
February 25, 1964

[redacted] President

Manhattan School of Firearms  
24 Murray Street,  
New York City  
March 17, 1964

Olympic Shooting Range  
3215 3rd Avenue  
New York City  
March 7, 1964

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## REFERENCES:

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## LEADS:

### ALBANY DIVISION (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being 1  
inasmuch as it contains information concerning, ~~MINUTEMEN~~,  
previously identified by Albany as a "Minutemen" leader in the Syracuse,  
New York area.

All divisions receiving copies of this report will  
identify, and, if deemed appropriate, interview persons listed in  
referenced report who have sent contributions or dues to ROBERT  
DE PUGH. It is noted that most of the contributions were in the  
amount of \$5.00, which is the amount of the monthly dues to the

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SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

KC T-1 has reported that a number of "Minutemen" [redacted] in the State of Utah. Through military sources and military surplus depots, Salt Lake City is requested to determine if such a sale was possible within the past 1½ years, and if so, attempt to determine details of such sale.

SAN DIEGO DIVISION

At San Diego, California

1. Will attempt to determine if TROY HOUGHTON received a number of machine guns as alleged by KC T-1.

2. Will consider re-interview of HOUGHTON in view of information that he is one of the four regional coordinators of "Minutemen" and that he recently was in Independence, Missouri, helping publish the "Minutemen" publication, "The 'Minutemen', America's Last Line of Defense Against Communism."

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

[redacted] Illinois

[redacted] Will attempt to determine if [redacted] received [redacted] as reported in referenced report. It is noted that the informant alleges the split previously announced by LAUCHLI and DE PUGH was false and that they continue to work together.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Shawnee Mission, Kansas

Will interview [redacted] Hodgdon Powder Company, 7710 W. 63rd Street, concerning purchases of ammunition and explosives from this firm by the "Minutemen."

At Kansas City, Missouri

1. Will re-interview [redacted] regarding activities of ROBERT DE PUGH and "Minutemen" members at the farm [redacted] near Cross Timbers, Missouri, which

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farm DE PUGH has at Cross Timbers, Missouri, under the name DON POWELL.

2. Will re-contact [redacted]

[redacted] Independence, Missouri, for names of [redacted] to "Minutemen."

ADMINISTRATIVE:

No dissemination has been made to the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Treasury Department at this time; however, an extra copy has been designated for Kansas City for possible dissemination at a later date.

Informants:

KC T-1 is [redacted], also known as [redacted] who furnished the information attributed to KC T-1 in the report. She furnished this information in a letter to the Kansas City FBI on April 10, 1964, after being interviewed by SA GEORGE A. ARNETT and SA [redacted] concerning her connection with the "Minutemen" on [redacted]

[redacted] No effort is being made by Kansas City to attempt to develop her as an informant inasmuch as her [redacted]

[redacted] had been [redacted] approximately two years ago while residing in [redacted] She is a white female, age [redacted] and is [redacted] who is presently [redacted]

Much of the information furnished [redacted] has been corroborated by other sources; therefore, it is believed information furnished by her is essentially accurate. She has requested her identity be protected.

KC T-2 is [redacted] (Independence, Missouri, who was contacted [redacted] on March 27, 1964, by SA GEORGE A. ARNETT. He requested his identity be concealed.

KC T-3 is [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri.

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**Synopsis:** ROBERT DE PUGH, National Coordinator recently asked following four Regional Coordinators for security reasons: East: MILTON KELLOGG, Syracuse, New York; Central: JOHN BLUMMER, St. Louis, Mo.; Western: DEL MYERS, Tucson, Arizona; Pacific: TROY HOUGHTON, San Diego, California. Replacements where known, set forth. "Minutemen" members are [REDACTED] DE PUGH claims membership of over 35,000, as of April, 1964. [REDACTED] on farm purchased in August, 1963, by DE PUGH at Cross Timbers, [REDACTED] Ks., may be source of [REDACTED] believed to have [REDACTED] Members of "Minutemen" alleged to have [REDACTED] in Utah. [REDACTED] Des Moines, Iowa, allegedly received [REDACTED] DE PUGH prints "Minutemen" literature in Independence, Mo., and distributes in envelopes bearing return address of Biolab, Inc. P.O. Box 68, Norborne, Mo. [REDACTED] "Minutemen" throughout United States set forth.

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**DETAILS:**



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ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Nationally there are four regional coordinators of the "Minutemen." In the East, the regional coordinator is MILTON KELLOGG, Syracuse, New York; in the Central area, JOHN BLUMMER, St. Louis, Missouri; in the Western area, DEL MYERS, Tucson, Arizona; and in the Pacific area, TROY HOUGHTON, San Diego, California. Recently, ROBERT DE PUGH, National Coordinator, has asked all of the above to resign for security reasons and the entire organization is in the process of being changed. BLUMMER is being replaced by a man named [redacted] who owns an advertising agency in Indianapolis, Indiana. DEL MYERS is being replaced by a man who owns the [redacted] in Reno, Nevada. HOUGHTON will resign in about three weeks as soon as his replacement is decided upon.

(KC T-1, [redacted])

Membership of the "Minutemen" consists of [redacted]

however, even that is limited. [redacted]

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ROBERT DE PUGH on April 10, 1964, advised that to date he has issued membership numbers of slightly more than 35,000. [redacted]

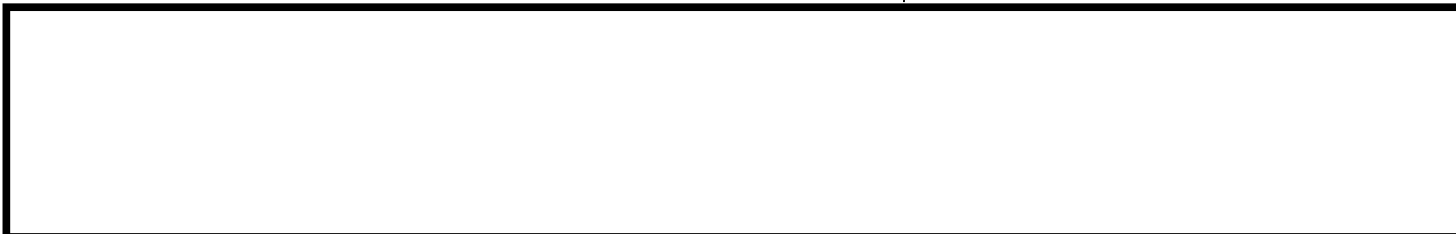
[redacted] he has no way of determining after issuing the number, whether the individual to whom issued ever becomes a member of a band or if this person continues to be in sympathy with his organization.

On March 10, 1964, [redacted] Missouri, advised SA GEORGE A. ARNETT that [redacted]

[redacted] ROBERT B. DE PUGH. She stated that he is

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also the National Coordinator of the "Minutemen" and as such spends a considerable amount of his time in the furtherance of this organization.



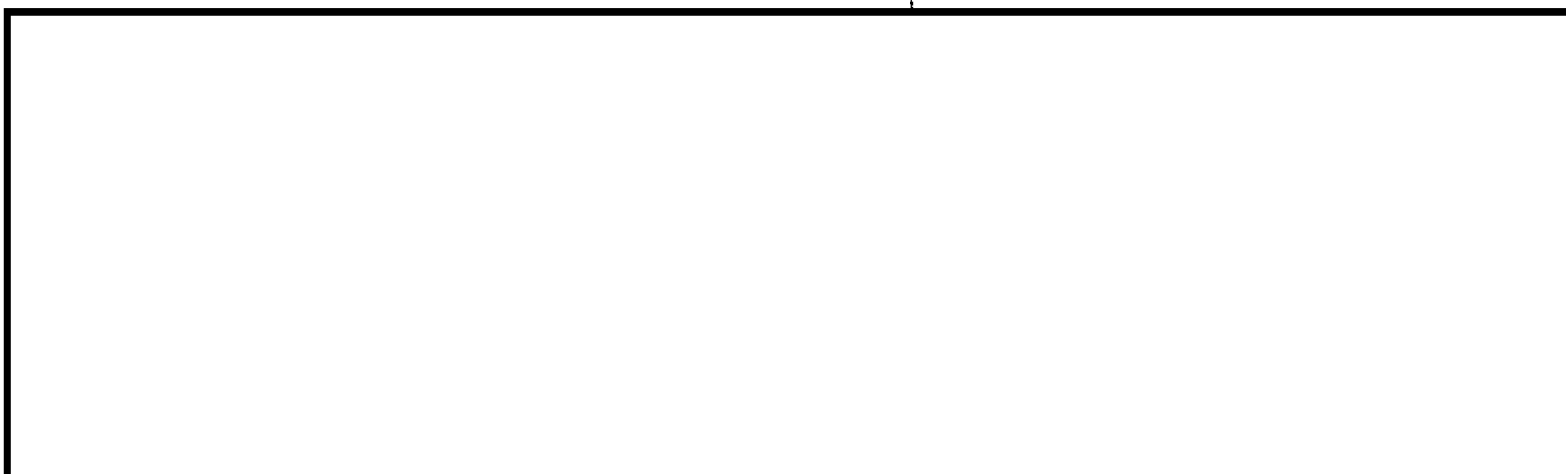
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#### MEETINGS

Two meetings of the "Minutemen" were held in the Kansas City, Missouri area during the summer of 1963. One was held in a barn where about 75 persons were present. The other was held in a factory building with about 300 persons present. Individuals at these meetings came and left at night through a series of pick-up points. The last lap was made in a closed truck both times.

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[REDACTED] however, there is some friction between them, mostly about [REDACTED] DE PUGH does not believe they are worth the risk.

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(KC T-1, [REDACTED])

[REDACTED]

Independence, Missouri

On March 6, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Independence, Missouri, advised SA GEORGE A. ARNETT and SA [REDACTED] that several girl students at the school had replied to an

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advertisement in the Kansas City Star Newspaper for Saturday employment and had been employed by the above captioned firm. After working at this place for one day, they had come to him seeking advice as to whether they should continue to work there. The girls had told him that while working there, their duties consisted of addressing and placing "Minutemen" literature in envelopes and that one girl had made tapes from a master tape of some sort of a "Minutemen" meeting.

[redacted] age [redacted] student, [redacted] School, on March 6, 1964, advised SA GEORGE A. ARNETT and SA [redacted] she had replied to an advertisement she saw in the Kansas City Star Newspaper and was subsequently employed [redacted] by the Independence Secretarial and Printing Service. She stated she was employed, and instructed as to her duties, by a young woman whom she knew as [redacted]. She stated that for several hours she placed "Minutemen" material in envelopes bearing a return address of Biolab, Incorporated, Post Office Box 68, Norborne, Missouri, after which she was taken into another room where she made duplicate tapes from a master tape of a message by ROBERT DE PUGH [redacted]

[redacted] DE PUGH. She stated that both the woman known to her as [redacted] and DE PUGH, were so secretive that she became frightened and did not return the following Saturday as they requested her to do.

[redacted] age [redacted] Independence, Missouri, on March 13, 1964, advised SA GEORGE A. ARNETT she has worked at the Independence Secretarial and Printing Service on two Saturdays and performed essentially the same duties as described above. She advised that [redacted] and DE PUGH acted in such a mysterious manner that when she told her parents of their actions, they advised her not to return to work there in the future. [redacted] was paid by a check drawn on the Standard State Bank, Independence, Missouri, and signed by [redacted]

Lieutenant [redacted] Independence, Missouri Police Department, on March 6, 1964, advised the building located at 611-613 East Alton, Independence, Missouri, is owned by ROBERT DE PUGH, who formerly operated the Biolab Company at this address prior to moving his business to Norborne, Missouri.

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The Independence Secretarial and Printing Service is operated by [redacted] also known as [redacted] and by ROBERT DE PUGH. The printing equipment at this location was brought there from the Biolab plant in Norborne, Missouri, in about August, 1963, and "Minutemen" material has been printed at this location since that date; however, it has only been within the past month or so that the publication "On Target" has been printed there. Seven thousand, five hundred copies of the April 1, 1964 issue of "On Target" were printed at this location.

(KC T-1, April 6, 1964)

TROY HOUGHTON, a "Minutemen" leader from California, spent two weeks at the 613 East Alton Street address helping print a "Minutemen" booklet entitled "The Minutemen, America's Last Line of Defense against Communism."

(KC T-1, April 6, 1964)

[redacted] Independence, Missouri, on March 18, 1964, advised SA GEORGE A. ARNETT and SA [redacted] that the [redacted]

[redacted] in the amount of [redacted]

[redacted] available only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

[redacted] and that he would estimate that he has deposited considerably more than [redacted] checks a year. He stated [redacted] personal account usually remains near [redacted]

On March 27, 1964, KC T-2 advised the following checks were being tabulated preparatory to being deposited in the [redacted] the following day:

<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Name of Bank</u>
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[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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"Minutemen" Activities Vicinity  
of Cross Timbers, Missouri

On March 24, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the small town of Cross Timbers, Missouri, and that strange activity has been taking place [REDACTED]. She stated that possibly the house on this farm was being used as a place for storing stolen goods. [REDACTED] had looked in a window of the house and had seen several crates and what appeared to be typewriters and calculators.

On April 8, 1964, [REDACTED] advised SA GEORGE A. ARNETT that she has observed the owner of the farm, who is known [REDACTED] come to the farm driving a late model dark blue Sedan, and a young woman [REDACTED] come to the farm driving a light green Chevrolet, and another young woman, driving a red Volkswagen come to the farm occasionally. She added that a woman appearing to be about 70 years of age remains on the farm all the time.

[REDACTED] stated that several months ago a Mr. [REDACTED] now deceased, [REDACTED] adjacent to the farm, had early one morning several months ago, observed several men carrying sleeping bags and firearms walking from a wooded section of the farm to the farmhouse.

[REDACTED] has been observed by SAs GEORGE A. ARNETT and SA [REDACTED] on occasion to drive a dark blue 1963 Buick Electra 225 Sedan, bearing license [REDACTED] which according to the Missouri Motor Vehicle Division, was issued to the Biolab, Incorporated, Norborne, Missouri. Also a red Volkswagen has been observed parked near the 613 East Alton, Independence, Missouri address on occasion. This automobile bears Missouri License [REDACTED] which was issued to [REDACTED] Missouri. A green 1958 Chevrolet, four door Sedan has also been observed at the 613 East Alton address. The license on this car [REDACTED] is registered in the name of [REDACTED] Missouri. [REDACTED] previously contacted the Kansas City FBI Office and advised [REDACTED]

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and Printing Service and with ROBERT DE PUGH the leader of the "Minutemen", and that she does not approve of this association.

On March 24, 1964, [redacted] Street, Kansas City, Missouri, advised essentially the same as [redacted] above. She added that she [redacted]

[redacted] Kansas, who in turn had sold it under contract to a [redacted]. She stated that the only address known to her or [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri.

KC T-3, advised on March 26, 1964, that Post Office Box 1195, Kansas City, Missouri, is a post office box which is used by ROBERT E. DE PUGH, 1127 West College, Independence, Missouri. It is noted that 1127 College is the address of DE PUGH's parents, Mr. and Mrs. RALPH DE PUGH.

[redacted] United Farm Agency, 612 West 47th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, on April 8, 1964, advised that [redacted] Post Office Box [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, in August, 1963, purchased [redacted] farm near Cross Timbers, Missouri, for a purchase price of [redacted] and had paid [redacted] as a down payment.

[redacted] advised the property was sold to [redacted] Kansas, approximately two years previously, by [redacted]. They were unable to make the payments, and the farm was subsequently sold to [redacted] presently holds the deed and title and receives her monthly payment from [redacted] who in turn receives her payment from [redacted].

[redacted] also advised that [redacted] had also purchased other property in Dallas County, Missouri, on March 13, 1963, the address of which is [redacted] Missouri. This is an unimproved twenty acres in a very rocky and hilly area of the Ozarks. For this property he paid [redacted] cash. At the time of the sale he furnished his address as [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri. This address is listed in the Independence City Directory as the residence of [redacted].

[redacted] is a member of the "Minutemen" and a very close associate of ROBERT DE PUGH.

(KC T-1, [redacted])

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Mrs. MARY ANN MC KEON, widow of FRANK MC KEON, furnished the following information when interviewed at the [redacted] house at Rural Route, Cross Timbers, after being informed of the identity of the interviewing agent in company of Sheriff W. V. KENNEDY, Hermitage, Missouri.

She lives at this residence alone. [redacted] is a man whom she met in Kansas City, Missouri, in about the summer of 1963, and he allows her to stay at this property rent free. She has been "told by the Lord to go into seclusion to study the Bible" [redacted] When asked as to the present whereabouts of [redacted] and the frequency of his visits to this property, Mrs. MC KEON advised that she was not going to answer any questions along these lines.

In view of the fact that Mrs. MC KEON made known by her reluctance that she may have a guilty knowledge of matters unknown to the interviewing agent, she was informed that she did not have to furnish any information, that any information she did give could be used against her in a court of law, and that she had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

Mrs. MC KEON furnished the following information thereafter:

She has lived at this residence for eight days. She is aware that the name [redacted] is on the mail box at this house, and she assumes that [redacted] is a relative of [redacted] She formerly rented an apartment in Kansas City, Missouri, from [redacted] who "owns two or three apartments in an apartment house", and she does not know his address. Through [redacted] she met one [redacted] who recently moved from Detroit, Michigan, and whose present address she does not know. She met POWELL through [redacted] She refused to furnish a physical description or any further information concerning these individuals.

She formerly resided in Denver, and she was on her way to Colorado when she stopped by Kansas City, Missouri.

She believes that man has shown that he is incapable

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by SA [redacted] :bjc Date dictated 3/27/64



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of handling his own affairs, either privately or through Governments, and she believes withdrawal from society and the placing of reliance in God for the handling of all worldly affairs is the only answer to survival. She is trying to follow this belief of hers, and she spends her time reading and contemplating this subject. She occasionally writes "letters to editors".

Some of the furniture in this furnished house belongs to her and some of it belongs to [redacted]. The luggage and trunks in the house belong to her. She has some of her books in crates in the house. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and she is "almost seventy" years of age. b7C

The "neighbors" have been by to visit her. They invited her to attend the church located nearby, and she explained her seclusion to these neighbors. One of the neighbors told her that they "wanted to be sure that they have nice neighbors."

She knows of no stolen merchandise in this house. There is no stolen merchandise here now.

The ground in this area is poor, with many rocks. The owner has considered putting in a septic tank, and some blasting apparently will be necessary to accomplish this project in view of the rocky texture of the earth here.

She does not know how much she should trust any Governmental body or agency. She believes that there is "very much wrong" with people in Government in these times that the only safe harbor is God. She is certain that communism is the greatest "anti-Christ" force in the world.

She volunteered that she would make a very bad witness in any matter, she has decided, because God has limited her reasoning capacity and mental agility to only one subject; the study of the Bible. She has limited ability to recall names or incidents. She is supported by her Social Security check.

Date 4/3/641

[redacted] furnished  
the following information:

He had occasion on [redacted] to be on the [redacted] property located about eight or nine miles northeast of Cross Timbers, Missouri off State Route "P". He observed in the garage located southwest of the dwelling house on this property, as he looked from outside the building, five cartons or containers which appeared to be about ten gallons capacity each, labeled "OLIN-MATHIESON Chemical Company, Alton, Illinois", and marked "Propellant explosive". He believes that the contents of these containers would be explosive powder. If such powder were to be used in blasting for installation of a septic tank at a farm home, it would require about one pint of the powder to do an adequate job. He has no knowledge of what the contents of the containers are, and he knows nothing more than that they are labeled to indicate that the contents are explosive.

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1Date 4/3/64

Upon being invited into the house, observations made by Special Agent [redacted] of the furnishings and interior of the [redacted] house located at Rural Route, Cross Timbers, Missouri, revealed no typewriters, calculators or similar merchandise not usually associated with being stored in a dwelling house. The rooms were noted to be furnished in the usual manner, insofar as the rooms were visible from the living room of the home, where Mrs. MARY ANN MC KEON, tenant, invited entrance.

Mrs. MARY ANN MC KEON, who advised that she is a rent free tenant at this residence, is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	68-69
Height	5'5"
Weight	125-135 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Dark brown
Remarks	Wears horn rimmed glasses

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by SA [redacted] :bjc Date dictated 3/27/64

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

April 23, 1964

Title

"MINUTEMEN"

Character

INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL  
SECURITY)

Reference

Report of SA GEORGE A.  
ARNETT, dated April 23, 1964.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

KC T-1 is a source whose reliability has not been established; however, this source is in a position to furnish reliable information.

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"Minutemen." The Bureau by airtel on March 26, 1964, advised it will not be necessary to request Bureau authority to conduct interviews in this case unless the files of the particular division dictate to the contrary. [REDACTED]

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INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

At Indianapolis, Indiana

Will attempt to identify and interview (First Name Unknown) [REDACTED]

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LAS VEGAS DIVISION

At Reno, Nevada

Will consider interview with owner of [REDACTED] regarding "Minutemen." It is noted KC T-1 reported this individual is allegedly [REDACTED]

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OMAHA DIVISION

At Des Moines, Iowa

1. Will identify owner of [REDACTED] and attempt to develop information concerning [REDACTED] reportedly to have received.

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2. Will attempt to identify the [REDACTED] Des Moines [REDACTED]

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PHOENIX DIVISION

At Tucson, Arizona

Will consider re-interviewing DEL MYERS in view of information furnished by KC T-1 that he is the Regional Coordinator of the "Minutemen" for the Western area.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

At St. Louis, Missouri

Will consider re-interview with JOHN BLUMMER in view of information furnished by KC T-1 that he is the Regional Coordinator of the "Minutemen" for the Central region.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO

SAC, New York (62-12697)

DATE May 13, 1964

✓ FROM

Director, FBI (62-107261)

SUBJECT

"MINUTEMEN"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Rereps SA Daniel J. Quigley dated 2/17/64  
and 4/29/64 at New York in captioned matter.

It is noted that copies of referenced  
reports were not disseminated locally to Secret Service  
and you are instructed to do so. Advise the Bureau  
when this has been done.

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201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York 10021  
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**Secret Service**

Supervising Agent  
United States Treasury Department  
90 Church Street  
New York 8, New York

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is one copy each  
of Special Agent Daniel J. Quigley dated  
February 17, 1964 and April 29, 1964 concerning  
the "Minutemen", Information Concerning (Internal  
Security).

These are furnished for your  
information.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

Enclosures Two

1- Addressee  
1- New York, (62-12699)

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ReBulet, 5/13/64.

Copies of reports of SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY  
dated 2/17/64 and 4/29/64 have been furnished to  
Secret Service.

- 2- Bureau (62-107261)
- 1- Kansas City (62-7797) (Info)
- 1- New York (62-12699)

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MEMO, SAC  
Attention WHITE PLAINS

Re: "MINUTEMEN"

was. \_\_\_\_\_

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The captioned subject was reported residing at \_\_\_\_\_, and employed as a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_  
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Subject's spouse is \_\_\_\_\_.

The subject has been reported involved in the following subversive activity on the dates shown:

1. See instructions. Ref report + conduct
2. Interview of [redacted] (p. 8) as requested.
3. \_\_\_\_\_

It is requested the following investigation be conducted: (Check where applicable.)

- ( ) A. Verify current employment and residence.
- ( ) B. Determine current Credit Record, it being noted the subject's credit was last checked \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
- ( ) C. Determine current criminal record, it being noted the subject's criminal file was last reviewed \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
- ( ) D. Obtain background, and dates, from subject's employment record.
- ( ) E. Check subject's marriage record at Probate Court, it being noted subject was reported married \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) F. Check official birth record at Bureau of Vital Statistics, it being noted subject reported born on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) G. Determine whether subject has access to classified or restricted material.
- ( ) H. Conduct neighborhood investigation; the following specific information is desired: \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) I. Check Security Informants, it being noted \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ have given information in the past.
- ( ) J. Review INS records.
- ( ) K. Determine if subject has military service.
- ( ) L. Obtain photograph of subject ( ), description ( ), handwriting specimen ( ).
- ( ) M. Determine subject's education; check school or college records, it being noted subject was reported attending \_\_\_\_\_ in 19\_\_.
- ( ) N. Determine subject's status of health.

The agent conducting the investigation will be alert for any evidence of subversive activity and in addition will \_\_\_\_\_

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## Memorandum

TO SAC, NEW YORK (~~XXXX~~ 62-12699) DATE: July 6, 1964  
ATTENTION: SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY #43

FROM SA WILLIAM A. FLYNN, JR  
RA WHITE PLAINS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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SUBJECT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] were interviewed at their home at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], N.Y. on July 6, 1964. They had just returned from  
Nassau, B.W.I. [REDACTED] had won the vacation trip for two  
in a sales contest sponsored by the Chevrolet Motor Car Co.

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*start* They advised that the MINUTEMEN first came to their  
attention when they read a news article in the New York Times  
describing the MINUTEMEN and reporting the hysterical objections  
of Representative GONZALEZ against the organization. In their  
mind if GONZALEZ was opposed to it they felt that it must be  
a patriotic organization and accordingly they subscribed to  
the magazine. They obtained the address of the organization  
from the news article in the N.Y. Times. They feel that the magazine  
is interesting in that it is opposed to the usual liberal press  
which is inclined to be soft on Communism. They advised that  
they also read the Daily WORKER ~~xx~~ occasionally to get the opposite  
viewpoint. They have never attended any meetings of this organization  
and know of no other members or groups of members in the area in  
which they live. The publication which they receive is called  
~~xx~~ "ON TARGET". They feel that it is a patriotic publication  
and if it wasn't they would have no part of it. They have never  
been involved in collecting firearms nor do they know of any one  
who has in connection with this group.

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The following is a description obtained from personal  
observation and from details furnished by [REDACTED]

*and*  
NAME [REDACTED]

RESIDENCE: [REDACTED]

OCCUPATION Housewife

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.O.B.

[REDACTED]

EDUCATION

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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HEIGHT 5'5"  
WEIGHT 120  
HAIR Blonde  
EYES light

5'11"  
160  
dark brown  
brown  
one noted, wears glasses

[REDACTED]

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SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)

"MINUTEMEN"  
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Re rept of SA [redacted] ARNETT

On 7/6/64, [redacted]  
[redacted] were interviewed at their home at [redacted]  
[redacted] NY, [redacted]

The [redacted] stated the [redacted] had just returned from Nassau, BAH. [redacted]  
[redacted] had won the vacation trip for two in a sales contest  
sponsored by the Chevrolet Motor Co.

The [redacted] advised that the MINUTEMEN came to their attention when they read a news article in the "New York Times" describing the MINUTEMEN and reciting the historical objections of Representative GONZALEZ against the organization. In their mind if GONZALEZ was opposed to it they felt that it must be a patriotic organization and accordingly they subscribed to the magazine. They obtained the address of the organization from the news article in the "N.Y. Times." They feel that the magazine is interesting in that it is opposed to the usual liberal press which is inclined to be soft on Communism. The [redacted] advised that they also read the "Daily Worker" occasionally to get the opposite viewpoint. They have never attended any meetings of this organization and know of no other members or groups of members in the area in which they live. The publication which they receive is called "OFFICER". They feel that it is a patriotic publication and if it wasn't they would have no part of it. They have not been involved in collecting firearms nor do they know of anyone who has in connection with this group.

The following is a description obtained from personal observation and from details furnished by [redacted]

Name [redacted]

Residence [redacted]

Occupation Housewife

D.O.B. [redacted]

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Education

[Redacted]

Height

Weight

Hair

Eyes

5'5"

120

Blonde

Light

[Redacted]

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Name

Residence

Occupation

[Redacted]

Same

[Redacted]

D.O.B.

Education

Height

Weight

Hair

Eyes

Scars

5'11"

160

Dark brown

Brown

None noted, wears glasses.

# Right-Wingers Said Acquiring Guns From U.S.

By Don Smith

Newsday Washington Bureau

Washington—Some public officials suspect that the Defense Department unwittingly may be passing out some weapons and handing free ammunition to right-wing extremist "guerrilla" groups.

Although they've been unable to come up with specific evidence linking extremist right-wing self-proclaimed guerrilla groups with the federal government's "make everyone a marksman" program, two critics of the project, Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez (D-Tex.) and California Attorney General Stanley B. Mosk, feel the handling of the program is extremely questionable and leaves the door wide open for abuses. Mosk feels so strongly about extremist organizations operating in his state that he said he has assigned agents to infiltrate such groups.

The Defense Department, which administers the program under a unique 1903 congressional act, distributes free ammunition and lends some weapons to gun clubs that have National Rifle Association (NRA) affiliation. The only screening of NRA members is handled by the association and that boils down to a check for any criminal records. The check is made only of club officers, not the entire membership.

Touchy about the issue, both the office of Civilian Marksmanship, which is the Army office that implements the marksmanship training program, and the NRA state emphatically that no right wingers are taking part in the program. But within the last few months, there have been these two incidents:

- On May 20, Treasury Department agents discovered an arsenal of weapons, including submachine guns, machineguns, rifles, pistols and stacks of ammunition in the home of Richard Lauchli in Clinton, Ill. Lauchli was known in the area as a regional director of the Minutemen, a national right-wing anti-Communist group.

- On May 13, New York police seized more than 12,000 rounds of ammunition in the homes of two officers of an NRA-affiliated rifle club in Harlem. The club, known as the Tripod Rifle Club, three days earlier had received 4,200 rounds of ammunition through the Defense Department program. The seizure of the ammunition prompted Maj. Gen. A. C. O'Hara, chief of the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs, to criticize what he termed inadequate background checks of NRA members.

Gonzalez and Mosk are concerned particularly because extremist groups are active in their areas. Gonzalez claims the Minutemen carried out guerrilla warfare training maneuvers near San Antonio, Tex., in 1961. He said he wants to know who belongs to the group and whether they have held more maneuvers.

Mosk said that in California the Minutemen, a group called the Rangers and an outfit called Paul Revere Associated Yeomen Inc. are active and have about 3,000 members. But how widespread guerrilla training programs are is unknown.

Troy Haughton of San Diego, who calls himself the West Coast representative of the Minutemen, denied that the group calls for its members to become skilled guerrilla fighters. "We don't play war games as a group," he said. "Some individual members might. We are just an anti-Communist organization." The Minutemen's publication, "On Target," however, calls for members to arm themselves and learn "survival and defense" techniques.

The national head of the Minutemen, Robert Depugh of Norbont, Mo., has said his groups have gone on maneuvers in Illinois, Texas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and California.

Haughton said he knew of no Minutemen who were NRA members and scoffed at the idea the rightists were part of the Defense Department program. He said, "Why join (that) program? You have to register. We don't want to be known." Haughton, however, cannot explain why the Minutemen publication, in one issue, urges its members to join the NRA and arm themselves. Haughton, who has a number of arrests for illegal discharge of weapons, said "If we want weapons we'd buy them from surplus outfits. It's a lot cheaper than the surplus arms the Defense Department sells."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO

SAC, New York (62-12699)

DATE: 8/7/64

✓ FROM

Director, FBI (62-107261)

SUBJECT.

"MINUTEMEN"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBuform 0-1 dated 7/23/64 requesting advice when a reply would be submitted regarding the leads set forth for your office in the report of Special Agent G. A. Arnett dated 4/23/64 at Kansas City.

Your reply stated that an interoffice letter was sent to Kansas City 7/9/64 setting forth results of the interview requested in Special Agent Arnett's report and that the case was RUC'd on that date.

*Done  
8/14/64  
SM*

You are instructed to furnish the Bureau with a copy of your letter to Kansas City dated 7/9/64. In the future whenever a lead is set forth for your office in a communication addressed to the Bureau, or in a report, you should insure that the Bureau is furnished your communication setting forth the coverage of the lead. This will eliminate unnecessary correspondence between the Bureau and your office to determine whether or not the lead has been covered.

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Attached is one copy of NY letter to RG dated 7/9/64.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

8/24/64

SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)

MINUTEMEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[redacted]  
[redacted] San Fernando Valley State College, North Ridge,  
California, telephonically contacted [redacted]  
[redacted] of the NYO, on 8/21/64 and advised that 2 of  
his students were currently attending rallies and meetings  
of the American Nazi Party and Minutemen in the Los Angeles  
area. [redacted] advised that the students were attending  
these rallies in conjunction with a research project that  
he was conducting and as a result have obtained information  
of possible interest to the Los Angeles Office. [redacted]  
requested that an agent of the Los Angeles Office contact  
him at the aforementioned college or his residence, [redacted]  
[redacted] California.

2-Los Angeles  
1-New York (156-13) (AMERICAN NAZI PARTY)  
① New York

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-107261)

Date: 9/4/64

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (62-7797) P

SUBJECT: "MINUTEMEN"  
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*Alan*  
*see page 6 P*  
*persons - 2 in R/H*  
*history (initial plans)*

*Indel*  
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*D. Drigley*

*note*  
*mail room*  
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Re Bureau letter to Kansas City, 8/20/64.

On April 16, 1964, [redacted]  
[redacted] (protect identity), exhibited to  
SAS GEORGE A. ARNETT and [redacted] approximately [redacted]  
[redacted] third class mail [redacted]  
[redacted] Prior to  
notifying the Agents of the above mail, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
determined [redacted] contained a copy of the  
"Minutemen" publication "On Target" issue of April 1, 1964.  
[redacted]  
[redacted] in addition to a copy  
of "On Target", also contained a one page "Special Bulletin"  
which is as follows:

**SPECIAL BULLETIN**

"This is the second printing of the  
April issue of On Target.

"It seems that someone is making an  
all-out effort to prevent this message from  
reaching other American patriots. Much of our  
first printing has either been delayed or  
intercepted in the mails.

"In hopes of getting this through to  
you we are planning to mail extra copies (some  
containing these bulletins) on the night of  
April 15th when the mails will be flooded with  
millions of last minute tax returns and the post  
offices will be using a lot of part time help.

"The F.B.I. is now using several  
dozen agents for full-time surveillance of known  
Minutemen from one coast to the other. They  
have mail covers on most known addresses.

"Under the circumstances, if we  
continue to operate as we have it will be only  
a matter of time till Robert Kennedy and Adam  
Yarmolinski know the general outline of our  
organization.

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"We have no choice but to change our tactics and become a truly underground organization. As a first step we must stop all normal organizational activity for at least 30 days. Avoid contact with other members as much as possible. Stop all mail to and from National Headquarters.

"Further information and instructions will be sent to all members through other channels within 3 or 4 weeks.

"We may retreat -- but we will never surrender.

"Bob DePugh"



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*Per*  
Recipient offices are instructed to review their indices, conduct credit and criminal checks, and contact logical informants and sources concerning those individuals listed that reside within their respective territories. If there is then no reason to the contrary, these persons should be interviewed. In conducting these interviews, the individual should be questioned concerning the specific items of information enumerated in Bureau airtel to Albany, copy to All Continental Offices, dated 1/16/64. It also should be determined whether these individuals have any potential as informants or sources concerning captioned organization. The Bureau has advised this matter must receive expeditious attention.

11-3-64

Airtel

To: SACs, Kansas City (62-7797)  
Atlanta (157-273)  
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Springfield (100-9712)  
Tampa

From: Director, FBI (62-107261)

"MINUTEMEN"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReKCllet dated 9-4-64, copies to all offices receiving instant communication setting forth a list of individuals with instructions to interview these individuals unless information in the files of the field offices dictate otherwise.

A review of Bufile fails to disclose receipt of replies from the offices receiving instant communication. Those offices are instructed to immediately handle this matter and furnish the Bureau with the results of their action in this regard. In the event this matter has already been handled, advise Bureau the date and caption of communication setting forth the desired information.

This matter must receive expeditious attention.

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MEMO, SAC  
Attention

WHITE PLAINS

ATTN: WM. FLYNN

Re:

"MINUTE MEN"

was.

SECURITY MATTER - ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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\_\_\_\_\_, and employed as a \_\_\_\_\_ auc bce/tcg

Subject's spouse is \_\_\_\_\_.

The subject has been reported involved in the following subversive activity  
on the dates shown: \_\_\_\_\_

- LEAD
1. Determine \_\_\_\_\_
  2. See above.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

It is requested the following investigation be conducted: (Check where applicable.)

- ( ) A. Verify current employment and residence.
- ( ) B. Determine current Credit Record, it being noted the subject's credit was last checked \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
- ( ) C. Determine current criminal record, it being noted the subject's criminal file was last reviewed \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
- ( ) D. Obtain background, and dates, from subject's employment record.
- ( ) E. Check subject's marriage record at Probate Court, it being noted subject was reported married \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) F. Check official birth record at Bureau of Vital Statistics, it being noted subject reported born on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) G. Determine whether subject has access to classified or restricted material.
- ( ) H. Conduct neighborhood investigation; the following specific information is desired: \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) I. Check Security Informants, it being noted \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ have given information in the past.
- ( ) J. Review INS records.
- ( ) K. Determine if subject has military service.
- ( ) L. Obtain photograph of subject ( ), description ( ), handwriting specimen ( ).
- ( ) M. Determine subject's education; check school or college records, it being noted subject was reported attending \_\_\_\_\_ in 19\_\_.
- ( ) N. Determine subject's status of health.

The agent conducting the investigation will be alert for any evidence of subversive activity and in addition will \_\_\_\_\_

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Lead Bill

U.S. Postal Inspector NACITO  
advised that [REDACTED]  
mailed in 11/62 from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] N.Y. But if he makes  
in NYC I will interview.

MEMO, SAC  
AttentionWHITE PLAINS

Re:

"MINUTE MEN"

was.

SECURITY MATTER

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Subject's spouse is

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on the dates shown:1. Conduct interview of:

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3.

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[Redacted]  
Yonkers, New York  
August 14, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
300 Hamilton Avenue  
White Plains, New York

Gentlemen:

I have been advised that the Bureau is interested in the activities of the organization known as The Minutemen. While I am not a member of this organization nor do I sympathize with their principles or objectives, I have corresponded with them, and received some of their literature and publications.

If any of this data would assist your investigation, I would be pleased to discuss it with you at any time.

Very truly yours,

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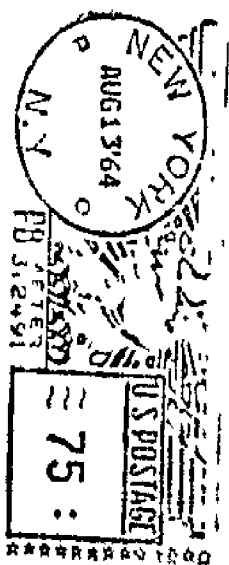
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

300 Hamilton Avenue

White Plains, New York



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MEMO, SAC  
Attention WHITE PLAINS RARe: "MINUTE MEN"  
was. \_\_\_\_\_  
SECURITY MATTER - C

The captioned subject was reported residing at \_\_\_\_\_, and employed as a \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

Subject's spouse is \_\_\_\_\_.

The subject has been reported involved in the following subversive activity on the dates shown: \_\_\_\_\_

- LEAD
1. Contact \_\_\_\_\_ and obtain any
  2. material he may have re the "Minute Men"
  3. and determine if he has any info

re Minute Men units in NY area.  
It is requested the following investigation be conducted. (Check where applicable.)

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MEMO, SAC  
Attention

WHITE PLAINS RA

ATTN: BILL FLYNN

Re: "MINUTE MEN"

was.

SECURITY MATTER - C

The captioned subject was reported residing at \_\_\_\_\_

and employed as a \_\_\_\_\_

at the \_\_\_\_\_

(X) See lead on other side, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

Subject's spouse is \_\_\_\_\_.

The subject has been reported involved in the following subversive activity on the dates shown:

1. Re summons FD 203 + lead to contact
2. [redacted] (See 73)
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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Date 11/7/64

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)  
FROM *WAB* SAC, ALBANY (100-18811) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: 'MINUTEMEN'  
INFO CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Enclosed for the New York Office are two copies  
of Boston airtel to Bureau dated 11/5/64. Clinton Corners,  
New York is in Dutchess County.

New York Office handle.

CC: 2-New York (Encls. *2*) (RM)  
2-Boston (62-4040) (RM)  
1-Albany

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*D. Quigley*  
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then moved to  
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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

## CURRENT FBI INVESTIGATION

This is a difficult subject to discuss openly. Most Americans feel that the FBI can do no wrong. Most of us have the highest regard for the individual agents of the FBI.

All of this is overshadowed by two facts. (1) In 1961 Walter and Victor Reuther submitted to President Kennedy a lengthy memorandum recommending several steps which the government should take to destroy the pro-America movement. These range from income tax investigations of any company or individuals donating money to a patriotic organization all the way to the very blunt statement, "The Minutemen Organization should be eliminated". (2) The acting Attorney General (and thus the dictator of the FBI) is Nicholas Katzenbach, a man of known "ultra liberal" beliefs. According to an official report by the state of Mississippi, college students were held under concentration camp conditions and brutally tortured by federal marshals acting under the direction of this same Nicholas Katzenbach.

No fair observer can claim that our organization is illegal or subversive. No fair observer can deny that our sole objective is to defend our Constitutional Republic and preserve our own freedom for the benefit of our children. It is certainly an ironic tragedy that the government agency best known as having these same objectives should now be spending countless thousands of dollars and thousands of man hours of their agents' valuable time on an investigation which amounts to actual harassment of this organization.

During the past few weeks dozens of people from coast to coast have been questioned by the FBI about possible membership in the Minutemen. Some actually were members and some were not. Some admitted to belonging to the organization and some denied it.

At first we thought that this was an honest investigation designed to reassure the Bureau of our sincerity. It now becomes obvious as to what the real purpose actually is. Not investigation but harassment. By questioning known patriots they hope to scare off our present members and prevent other people from joining our organization. If we are to continue an effective resistance against tyranny we must not allow ourselves to become overly concerned about this investigation.

Here are some suggestions that you may wish to follow if you are questioned by the FBI or other government agency.

(A) Show a normal amount of surprise and curiosity as to the reason for their call.

(B) They will show you their identification cards. Take this opportunity to learn what an FBI Identification Card looks like.

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(C) Normally there will be two agents call on you together. Be sure you get their names correctly and remember them. If there is any doubt in your mind as to the true identity, you can phone the local FBI office to confirm that agents by that name are in the field.

(D) Remember their main objective is to get information. The more you talk the more they are going to get.

(E) Remember also that information is a two way street. You can get information from them by using your wits and keeping your ears open. Ask them what made them think you could conceivably be a member of the Minutemen. They probably won't tell you but look for any hint or slip of the tongue which might give you a clue on this count.

(F) Do not be bluffed. In the past agents have begun their conversation with some statement such as, "We've just received the membership lists of the Minutemen and are checking out all members in this area". This, of course, implies that they have access to these lists which is totally false. Ninety percent of the members which have become known to the FBI have been identified either because they themselves told someone else of their affiliation or by interception of their mail.

(G) As soon as the agents leave, write out a complete and detailed account of your conversation with them. Try to remember the exact wording of every question they ask you and the exact wording of your answer. Send this report to your regular mail drop immediately. By comparing your report with several others we can obtain valuable information as to the progress of their investigation.

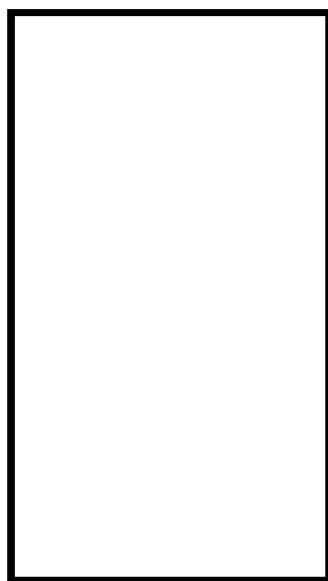
(H) Include an accurate physical description along with the name of each agent that calls on you. Obtain the license number of their automobile whenever possible.

(I) If you admit to be a member they will probably ask you to cooperate with them. Sometimes it may be advisable for our members to do so. In some cases it may be possible for us to obtain information from them or feed them misleading information by having our member play the role of a double agent. Generally speaking, however, we do not feel that our average member has the skill to do this effectively. Some of our fully trained members have been authorized in advance to accept their offer of cooperation. The average member is probably better off if he completely denies being a member. The fact that they may claim knowledge of your membership means nothing at all. Chances are they have only a suspicion. Don't confirm their suspicions for them.

(J) Do not think that your value to the organization is destroyed by such questioning or identification. We are faced with a fight for survival and every patriot is needed. With proper security precaution you can continue to work effectively for the cause of freedom.



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MEMO, SAC  
Attention WHITE RA  
SA WM A. FLYNN

Re: 'MINUTE MEN'

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SECURITY MATTER - C  
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The captioned subject was reported residing at \_\_\_\_\_,  
and employed as a \_\_\_\_\_,  
Subject's spouse is \_\_\_\_\_.

The subject has been reported involved in the following subversive activity on the dates shown:

LEAD

1. INTERVIEW : \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

It is requested the following investigation be conducted: (Check where applicable.)

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Bill:  name was an apiece  
of literature deposited in the Richmond,  
Missouri Post Office by the "Minutemen"  
on 10/28/64. Interim for any info  
re. the Minutemen: Specifically  
① names of officers ② identity of  
members ③ location of units  
④ any info re. violation of matters  
within FBI jurisdiction. If  
cooperative ascertain if he received  
a set of instructions from the "Minutemen"  
as to how to act when contacted  
by the FBI. (Instructions sent out by  
"Minutemen" attached.)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Kansas City (62-7797)

DATE: 11-6-64

FROM : ✓ Director, FBI (62-107261)

SUBJECT: "MINUTEMEN"  
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All offices receiving instant communication have previously been furnished Bureau instructions regarding captioned organization and our investigation of it.

Kansas City Office has furnished the Bureau with a copy of a "Special Bulletin" from Robert DePugh, national coordinator of captioned organization, dated 10-23-64. Pages four and five of this Bulletin contain information relative to our investigations and interviews of members of the organization under the caption "Current FBI Investigation." There are enclosed for each office two copies of that section of the Bulletin.

You are instructed to bring this to the attention of all Agent personnel of your office so that they can be alert to these instructions and be guided accordingly in connection with our future investigations and interviews of known or suspected members of the organization.

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# Memorandum

TO SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)  
ATTENTION: SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY #43

FROM SA William A. Flynn, Jr  
RA White Plains

SUBJECT MINUTEMEN  
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DATE November 9, 1964

At the Frost Sand and Gravel Co., 400 Huntington Ave,  
New Rochelle, N.Y. [REDACTED] advised on 11/9/64 that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was no longer in their employ and had been dismissed  
about one year ago. The last they heard of him he was working  
for the Edenwald Construction Co at 151-45 6th Road, Whitestone,  
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- ( ) C. Determine current criminal record, it being noted the subject's criminal file was last reviewed \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
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- ( ) K. Determine if subject has military service.
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NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1964.

## Minutemen, Upset by G.O.P. Loss, Set New Drive

By DONALD JANSON

Special to The New York Times

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 10

The Minutemen organization has lost patience with American reliance on the ballot.

President Johnson's landslide victory last week proves that "the time is past when the American people might have saved themselves by traditional political processes," the militantly ultraconservative group says in a post-election call to action.

The course for all "conservatives" now, it says, is to join the Minutemen's secret "underground army" for training as "America's last line of defense against Communism."

The Minutemen foresee a Communist takeover of the United States abetted by an Administration "soft on Communism." In line with this, they stress guerrilla warfare and woods-and-bramble target practice to prepare for what they believe will be rear-guard resistance that will hound the alleged Communist overlords till they withdraw and leave the nation in the hands of patriots.

### Hopes 'Turned Into Dust'

"The hopes of millions of Americans that the Communist tide could be stopped with ballots instead of bullets have been turned into dust," says the November issue of *On Target*.

The group's monthly newsletter is written and published

### Urge All 'Conservatives' to Join Underground Army to 'Defend' America

make this last political effort." Mr. DePugh, who resigned from the John Birch Society in a dispute over effectiveness of methods for dealing with what both groups see as a Communist conspiracy to enslave the nation, offered this formula in the newsletter.

"The Communists are winning by infiltration, subversion and psychological warfare. We must turn our enemies' own tactics against them."

### New Members Sought

Enclosed with the newsletter were membership application forms that members were urged to distribute to conservatives.

Among other things, recruits are asked whether they feel they would be most effective as a "member of combat team," in "intelligence or espionage work," or in "communications, weapons, medical."

Since the Minutemen were organized four years ago, members have had several scrapes with the law on charges of violating firearms statutes. A wide variety of weapons have

been confiscated. Membership is secret, but has been variously estimated at "a few thousand" to 100,000. The current campaign is for an army of a million operating in guerrilla bands of a dozen or so each.

### Members Supply Guns

Mr. DePugh said last summer that there were more than 25,000 minutemen and that each member supplied his own rifle, shotgun, sidearms and other "survival" equipment. Each member, he has said, is required to fire at least 500 rounds of ammunition annually at target practice.

The Minutemen came into prominence three years ago when some 20 members attended a "guerrilla warfare seminar" at Shiloh, in southern Illinois. Weapons ranging from ordinary rifles to 81-mm mortars and 75-mm recoilless rifles were involved. Sheriff's deputies arrested a man described as a district Minuteman coordinator and chief supplier of the weapons on a firearms violation charge that subsequently was dismissed by a magistrate.

Mr. DePugh has also said that the Minuteman movement is open to anyone not connected with a subversive organization. There were said to be no restrictions as to age, sex or physical condition.

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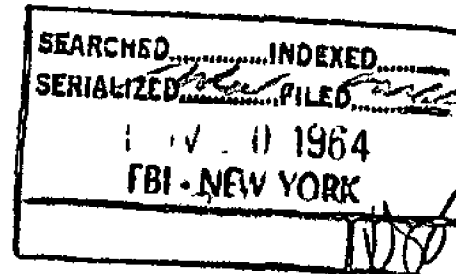
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[redacted]  
New York, furnished the following information concerning the "Minutemen":

He advised that he is a gun collector, an amateur military historian and a member of the [redacted]. He stated that he receives numerous publications in connection with these activities. About one year ago he saw an advertisement in one of the publications concerning the "Minutemen", and sent a request for information. He thereafter began to receive "On Target", the monthly bulletin of the "Minutemen". He subsequently received booklets and loose-leaf inserts concerning guerrilla warfare. One letter he received asked him to organize a unit of the "Minutemen" in his area, which he never considered. He stated that he did send \$5.00 to ROBERT DE PUGH, Norborne, Missouri, for the information he received.

He stated that he did not submit any formal application for membership and does not consider himself a member.

[redacted] advised that the [redacted] of which he is [redacted] comparatively inactive. However, the club does use, from time to time, the facilities of the Blue Mountain Rifle Range located in Westchester County, New York. He stated the Colonial Heights Rifle and Pistol Club is affiliated with the National Rifle Association.

[redacted] stated that he is not aware of any units or members of the "Minutemen" in the Yonkers, New York area. He has never received any requests from the "Minutemen" to purchase any rifles, ammunition or any military equipment.

[redacted] stated that he was motivated to contact the "Minutemen" out of curiosity because of his hobbies as a gun collector and military historian, and for no other reason.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained from observation and interview:

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by SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY:etm

Date dictated 11/12/64

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[REDACTED] New York City

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to the office by [redacted] New York City,  
Kansas, who has requested that the copies be controlled.

The copies of [redacted] are being furnished  
to the [redacted] office for [redacted] as [redacted]  
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Minute Men

The Bureau sent a letter dated 11/6/64 to all offices concerning "Minute Men; Information Concerning (Internal Security)", Bureau file 62-107261. The letter calls attention to a special bulletin from ROBERT DE PUGH, National Coordinator of this organization. This bulletin contains instructions to the members of the Minute Men in the event they are contacted by Bureau personnel. The instructions, in sum and substance, tell the members of the organization to obtain the names of the Agents interviewing them, to obtain information from the Agents if they can, and similar type instructions. In view of this, any Agent interviewing a member of this organization should be guided accordingly.

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# Minuteman Calls Bullets Last Hope

"Just a Minute . . ."  
See Page 28.

Special to The N Y Journal-American

NORBORNE, Mo., Nov. 18—While many ultra-conservatives gnashed their teeth Nov. 4, the leader of the militant and secretive Minutemen organization, with headquarters here, seems to have accepted the Goldwater defeat with a kind of self-satisfaction.

As far as 41-year-old Robert Bolivar Depugh is concerned, the Goldwater defeat simply proved the wisdom of Minutemen philosophy since the group was founded four years ago—"the time is past when the American people might have saved themselves by traditional political processes."

The first post-election issue of the Minutemen's monthly newsletter, "On Target," proclaimed

"The hopes of millions of Americans that the Communist tide could be stopped with ballots instead of bullets have turned to dust"

The Minutemen are now stepping up recruiting efforts so that when the Communist takeover of the United States they expect takes place, from within or without, the underground army of guerrilla fighters, infiltrators, saboteurs and assassins Depugh says he has been organizing will be ready.

Minutemen pay a \$5 membership fee, \$24 a year in monthly dues, \$5 a year for the "On Target" subscription and \$2 for the Minutemen's handbook on guerrilla warfare tactics

High school and college students now are offered a cut-rate fee to join and are assessed dues of only \$1 a month. All members must buy their own weapons

Just how seriously one should take Depugh and the Minutemen organization depends almost entirely on how thoroughly Depugh is to be believed. He is the only known leader of the group, and is one of its few known members.

## OFFERS NO EVIDENCE

Last Summer he placed the membership at between 25,000 and 46,000. But he has never offered any real evidence that the Minute Men are anything more than a paper organization

Depugh shrugs off the responsibility of trying to prove that all he says of the Minutemen's activities or their size is true

The Minuteman doctrine holds that the enemy is not just the foreign Communist invader, but also whoever the Minutemen have decided are American Communists, a list the organization claims to have been compiling for some time

Depugh acknowledges that his background no more qualifies him for the seemingly awesome tasks he has undertaken than would those of most adult males in this country, except for one important thing

"I was the guy that did it"

Depugh used to be a member of the John Birch Society and he talks of several long meetings he has had with Robert Welch, leader of the Birchers. But now the two groups have split

The Birch Society bulletin for August this year explained that when "Mr. Depugh began steering the Minutemen into becoming an underground armed-guerrilla organization" the society decided to drop him from membership.

Depugh's explanation of the split differs from Welch's—he maintaining that Welch believed that Depugh was trying to take over the Birch Society

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## Just a Minute . . .

THE OUTFIT calling itself "The Minutemen"—which says it will wage guerrilla war against an imagined, future Communist takeover of the United States—seems simply aghast at the result of the Presidential election. So much so that it says "the time is past when the American people might have saved themselves by traditional political processes."

The Minutemen is urging its membership to pep up arms training because "the hopes of millions that the Communist tide could be stopped with ballots instead of bullets have been turned into dust."

Normally, such extremist and distinctly un-American groupings can be safely ignored. But the Minutemen's membership is reported in the many thousands, and it has held gatherings that have featured a wide variety of lethal weapons.

Now, with its verbal fire directed against the ballot box, a cornerstone of our society, let's hope the FBI and other interested agencies are tightening their watch on this weird fringe element. The overwhelming majority of Americans is revolted by organizations of this nature and, anyway, who needs them?

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NORBORNE, Mo., Nov 15  
(AP) — Robert DePugh, leader  
of the Minutemen, said Wednes-  
day that if the House Commit-  
tee on Un-American Activities  
wished to investigate the group,  
"we will be glad to cooperate."  
Representative Charles S. Joel-  
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[redacted] attached is mainly for your info. Note P4 of note typed an Xerox copy of NY Times article. Note says a meeting is being scheduled in Orange County soon. b7C

However if you can contact [redacted], thank him for info. (it was acknowledged) and ask him to be sure and furnish any further info. he might receive from the "minutemen" in the future. Also does he have any friends in Denver, Colorado. It sounds like a gag. ("Please bring your own guns!")

Dan Lingley  
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## Minutemen Arms Under Question

Washington, Nov. 24 (UPI) — Rep. Charles S. Joelson (D-N.Y.) asked the Defense Department today if it had checked to see if any of its surplus weapons and ammunition had fallen into the hands of the Minutemen. Joelson said it was "simply unthinkable" that the government may be supplying the "crackpot sharpshooters" of the group.

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Minutemen

Previous conference minutes mentioned the Minutemen. Bureau airtel of 11/27/64 sets out that information was furnished by the Kansas City Office

indicating the possibility that the farm house of the National Coordinator of this organization is rigged with explosive devices in such a manner that a surreptitious entry into the house would detonate these devices. All Agents conducting investigation of this organization should be aware of this.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)

DATE: 11/25/64

FROM : SA LOWELL W. BARTON

SUBJECT: MINUTEMEN  
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(INTERNAL SECURITY)

On 11/24/64, [redacted] *begin here* *connected to 302*, who resides in care of [redacted], New York, and who is employed at [redacted] Clinton Corners, New York advised that about two years ago he had read an article in a firearms magazine concerning the "MINUTEMEN". He stated that because the aims of the organization as expressed in that article as being anti-Communist and setting out the threat of a Communist takeover in the United States, he became interested because he he had strong anti-Communist feelings. As a result, he sent his name in to the headquarters, somewhere in Missouri.

Since that time he has received several letters containing literature concerning the international operations of Communists and their success in taking over control or operating within countries. He advised he also had received loose-leaf inserts for a "guerilla warfare" booklet. These consisted mainly of articles on survival in woods or terrain away from settled areas and included precautions to take in the event of atomic fall-out. The articles dealt with the supplies necessary for 30 days for self and dependents, the necessary items to supply, and protective gear against weather elements. He stated the items were not of a secretive nature and probably were obtained from sources such as Civil Defense and other Government Agencies. He stated the material was very similar to what training he had obtained while serving in the United States Army.

He advised the other information he received was pointed towards equipping self and mind towards the possibility of a Communist take-over.

[redacted] advised he has not received any literature from the organization for several months now, and the above mentioned material was received by him while he resided in Williamsburg, Massachusetts.

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[redacted] did not think he actually was a member, as such, of the group, as he had never sent them any money for dues or any other item, although he had been assigned a number, which he could not recall and which he had thrown out. He advised he had no knowledge of the identity of other members, believing the organization was set up on an individual basis, although the possibility of clubs being organized in the midwest seemed likely. He disclaimed any knowledge of any groups organized in the Dutchess County, New York area or in the Massachusetts area where he previously resided.

Concerning himself, [redacted] advised he was born [redacted] in [redacted] is male, white and served from 1953 to 1957 in the United States Army assigned to the 3rd Armored Division when it had been stationed in Germany. He advised he had attained the rank of Specialist 3rd Class and had been a radio technician.

[redacted] advised he has always been interested in firearms and he presently is employed as a gunsmith. He advised that through his interest in target shooting at national meets and his experience as the proprietor of a small gun shop in Massachusetts, he had obtained work with [redacted] He advised this firm engages in the sale of ammunition and firearms all over the United States and locally and at the present time they maintain several shooting ranges on their grounds which are used by many patrons. However, the local people had complained concerning the ranges and obtained an injunction which will force them to close the ranges to public shooting. It is the intention of the management to relocate in Connecticut which will offer them a better opportunity to draw more patrons.

He stated the specialty of his firm was the construction and sale of special rifles used in competitive shooting and that these rifles were constructed in their entirety in their shop. The rifles are of the .22 caliber type and sell for \$395.00 each or more, dependent upon the added equipment.

[redacted] denied that the ranges or grounds were ever used in conjunction with the training of members of the "MINUTEMEN" and that he had not heard or observed anything to lead him to believe there were any local people who were members of such a group, at least they had not made themselves known as such. He did not believe the "MINUTEMEN" officers, who were unknown to him by name, had any knowledge of his connection with the present firm or that he was a gunsmith, having indicated he was a toolmaker when he had originally furnished his name to the organization. [redacted] advised he had been in his present employment only for a period of six months. He denied that his activity with the



"MINUTEMEN" had ever been anything but being the recipient of literature mailed out by them. He denied any knowledge of the organization intending to overthrow the United States Government and stated the only time they had mentioned obtaining or maintaining firearms and ammunition was in connection with survival in the woods, when they had recommended possessing a small bore automatic rifle for the purpose of shooting game.

END FD 302

On 11/19/64, [redacted] Manager, Credit Bureau of Poughkeepsie, Poughkeepsie, New York, which office covers Stanfordville and Clinton Corners, New York, advised their files reflected no record concerning [redacted] b7C

On 11/19/64, [redacted] Chief Deputy, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, Poughkeepsie, New York, which office covers Stanfordville and Clinton Corners, New York, advised his files reflected no record of arrest identifiable with [redacted]

[redacted] He advised he had arrested [redacted] Stanfordville, New York, who is the operator [redacted] on 3/28/64 on a charge of maintaining a public nuisance in violation of Section 1530 of the New York Penal Law. He advised this arrest had arisen out of complaints registered by [redacted] Supervisor of the Town of Clinton, which includes the village of Clinton Corners, and several others in the vicinity, who protested against the shooting on the ranges of the firm with high powered ~~and other~~ guns. He advised this matter is still pending and [redacted] is scheduled to move his ranges into Connecticut. [redacted] described the [redacted] [redacted] as a business of selling and repairing firearms of all type and selling of ammunition and maintaining ranges for shooting. He described the ranges as being the most modern and complete anywhere in the area. b7C

[redacted] advised that on weekends, about 90% of the clientele using the ranges are from out of New York State, coming from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and other Northeastern States. [redacted] was described as male, white, born [redacted] lbs., brown hair and blue eyes. b7C

[redacted] had no knowledge of any activities or an organization known as "MINUTEMEN" in connection with the facilities of this corporation. b7C

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>"MINUTEMEN"</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>DANIEL J. QUIGLEY</b>	TYPED BY <b>dbr</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)</b>	

REFERENCES:

Report of SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY, 4/29/64, at NY.  
Kansas City letter to Bureau, 9/4/64.

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Among those listed in referenced Kansas City letter of 9/4/64, was [REDACTED] NY. This individual was previously interviewed and the results set forth in NYlet to Kansas City, 7/9/64.

Of those individuals listed in rerep, a check of credit, criminal and logical sources did not contain any information which precluded interview.

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AT FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY. Will interview   
Fourth Training Regiment, "M" Company, Fort Dix, for any  
information he may have concerning the "Minutemen".

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Report of: DANIEL J. QUIGLEY  
Date: 12/2/64

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 62-12699

Bureau File #: 62-107261

Title: "MINUTEMEN"

Character: INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Synopsis: In April, 1964, a source made available information which reflected that among those the "Minutemen" had been in contact with or had attempted to contact were: [REDACTED]

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Results of interview of these individuals set forth. None of these individuals had any information indicating there were units of the "Minutemen" in the NY area.

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DETAILS:

In April, 1964, NY T-1 made available information which reflected that the "Minutemen" had been in contact with or had attempted to contact, were the following:

[REDACTED]  
New York 67, New York

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[REDACTED]  
Brooklyn 6, New York

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Mount Vernon, New York



Williamsburg, Massachusetts

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11/24/64

Date

[redacted]  
New York, furnished the following information concerning the "Minutemen":

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[redacted] stated that approximately three years ago, he answered an ad which appeared in the "New York Times", concerning the "Minutemen". He stated he did this out of curiosity. Subsequently, he received literature from the "Minutemen" concerning their aims and purposes, with which he stated that basically he agreed. He stated that he never sent any money to the "Minutemen", that he was not a member of the "Minutemen" and that he was not aware of any units of the "Minutemen" in the Westchester County area and that he knew of no individuals who were members of the "Minutemen".

He stated that he is not a member of any rifle or pistol club and does not own any firearms of any type. He stated that following a hunting accident two years ago, which killed his best friend, he sold a shotgun and rifle and has no desire to own any firearms.

He stated that he was never asked by the "Minutemen" to purchase any arms or military equipment.

The following is a description of [redacted] as obtained from personal observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Blond-receding
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Build	Stocky

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On 11/19/64 at Congress and Clinton Sts.,  
Brooklyn, NY File # NY 62-12699

by SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY:dbr Date dictated 11/20/64

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Military Service

[Redacted]

Serial Number  
Marital Status

Married  
Wife

[Redacted]

Residence

[Redacted]

New York

Employment

[Redacted]

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On November 12, 1964, [redacted] [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, advised that [redacted] is her husband. She advised that [redacted] had re-enlisted in the United States Army about six weeks ago and could be contacted at the Fourth Training Regiment, "M" Company, Fort Dix, New Jersey. b7C

She advised that her husband had previously served in the United States Army from 1948 to 1952.

[redacted] furnished her husband's date of birth as [redacted] b7C

[redacted] advised that about two years ago her husband answered an advertisement about the "Minutemen" in some newspaper and sent a request for information. She stated that since then [redacted] had received numerous pieces of literature, most of which she destroyed. She stated that several times she noticed that the "Minutemen" organization sent literature in envelopes which have a return address for a dog food company. She stated she could not recall the name or location of this company. b7C

[redacted] advised that some time ago she had received a telephone call from an unidentified male, who wished to speak with her husband. This unidentified caller said he was a member of the same organization as her husband. She had no other information concerning this call. She stated that it was only a guess on her part that this caller was referring to the "Minutemen". To her knowledge, her husband was not a member. b7C



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Date 11/9/64

[redacted] Mt. Vernon,  
New York, furnished the following information concerning  
"Minutemen":

About one year ago, without any solicitation or inquiry on his part, he received a letter from "Minutemen", which described itself as a patriotic organization whose aim and purpose was to defend the United States in case it should ever be attacked by a foreign invader. In addition this letter asked him to become a member, send in his dues and advised him that in communicating he should use the symbol number included in the letter instead of his name for security reasons. He has since destroyed this letter. Later on he received another communication which advised that various members had miscellaneous types of firearms for sale, including bazookas, cannons, revolvers, rifles and ammunition. It suggested that if he were interested in purchasing any of this material to advise ROBERT DE PUGH and he would forward the inquiry to the member wishing to sell the particular item. [redacted] said that he destroyed this letter and wrote to them to take his name off their mailing list. He has never sent them any dues nor has he asked to become a member. At no time did this organization ever forward the names of any other members or list the officers with the exception of DE PUGH.

The following descriptive items concerning [redacted]  
[redacted] were noted from observation and from information furnished  
by [redacted]

Name  
Residence  
Occupation

[redacted]  
Mt. Vernon, New York  
[redacted]

On 11/4/64 at Mt. Vernon, NY File # NY 62-12699  
SA WILLIAM A. FLYNN, JR.:dbr 11/4/64  
by \_\_\_\_\_ Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth

[Redacted]

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Height

5 feet 9 inches

Weight

195 pounds

Hair

Dark

Eyes

Brown

Education

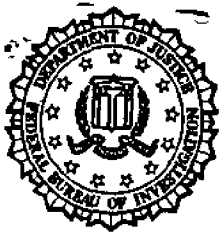
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In September, 1964, [redacted]  
[redacted] Yonkers, New York, voluntarily contacted the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and stated he desired to furnish  
information concerning the "Minutemen".

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The following is the result of interview with [redacted]



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York

December 2, 1964

Title

"Minutemen"

Character

Information Concerning  
(Internal Security)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Daniel J. Quigley, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

NY T-1 was in a position to furnish reliable information.

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